

2013 Fall Schedule

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tuesday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

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Warner-Park-Nature-
Center.aspx](http://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Nature-Centers-and-Natural-Areas/Warner-Park-Nature-Center.aspx)

Requests for ADA assistance should be directed to the Nature Center by calling
615- 352-6299.



Friends of Warner Parks:

615-370-8053

www.friendsofwarnerparks.com



Guess Who's Turning the Big "40"?

Warner Park Nature Center is celebrating our 40th Birthday this October!

We want you to celebrate everything the Nature Center and Parks have to offer by attending our **Birthday Celebration on Saturday, October 26th**, and by taking part in some of the programs and activities listed below. Mark your calendars for a very special evening at WPNC on **Thursday, October 3**, when we welcome **David Haskell**, the award-winning author of **The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature**. Be sure to also check out our special programs during **Fall Break** and our *Saturdays in the Fall* series.



40 WAYS TO ENJOY WARNER PARKS*

Attend a Nature Center program

Walk the Meadow Tree Trail

Hike to the quarry and find a fossil

Take a kid to Nature Play and get muddy

Visit Luke Lea Heights

Walk and read the Storywalk™ trail

Catch a crayfish in the Little Harpeth River

Walk up the steps of the Allée

Remove exotic pest plants

Enjoy the fall wildflowers in Long Hollow

Look for frogs and tadpoles in the pond

Attend a Full Moon Pickin' Party

Hike one (or all) of the Parks' hiking trails

Picnic along the Little Harpeth River

Enjoy fall foliage from a scenic overlook

Download the Warner Parks App

Visit Talley Bluff

Take your dog to the dog park

Become a Junior Naturalist

Take a sunrise or sunset hike

Visit the cemeteries in Edwin Warner Park

Visit the organic garden

Volunteer with Friends of Warner Parks

Observe birds at the Bird Blind

Take a cart tour on the Old Roadway

Observe a bird banding demonstration

Have a picnic at a restored WPA shelter

Sit in the "Chair's Chair" on the porch

Bike/walk on the Greenway

Attend a star party

Learn to identify poison ivy

Take a hike in the moonlight

Visit the Hodge House

Hike one (or all) of the Tree Trails

Play a round of golf

Walk along the original Natchez Trace trail

Find at least one geocache

Learn about the Bluebird Trail

Sit quietly or read a book on a bench

Attend WPNC's 40th birthday party

** Do any 10 of the activities listed above, stop by the front desk and let us know, and you'll receive a 40th Birthday Present from us!*

SEPTEMBER

Interesting Insects

Friday, September 6
10-11:30 a.m.

Age Level: 6-12 years
Registration opens
August 22



What has 3 body parts, six legs, antennae and compound eyes? An insect of course! Let's learn something about these interesting insects then head to the meadow for some face to face interaction.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

Fall Storywalk® Kickoff!

Saturday, September 7

Age Level: All ages
Registration not required



Are you ready? We have a new StoryWalk® book! Bring your little ones and discover our new fall book just waiting to be read aloud! Enjoy our displayed book, revealed page by page, as you meander along our Little Acorn Trail. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.
Coordinator: Rachel Koch

Beekeeping 101

Saturday, September 7
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: Adults
Call to register



Have you always wanted to keep bees in your backyard but just didn't know where to begin? Join us to learn the basics of beekeeping: what you need, how to get started, and what's involved over a year in the life of a backyard beekeeper.
Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht, Melissa Donahue, and Dganit Eldar

H³: Hummingbird Happy Hour

Wednesday,
September 11
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens
August 27

Enjoy our ruby-throated hummingbirds on the back porch of the Nature Center during the peak of migration.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Volunteers

Beetle-Mania!

Friday, September 13
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens
August 29

Beetles are the most diverse insects on Earth and come in a wide array of colors and habits. Come "meet the Beetles!"
Leader: Kim Bailey



Hike to the Quarry

Saturday,
September 14
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens
August 30

Come learn about Tennessee's geologic history and hike to the quarry.
Leader: Kim Bailey

Trail Dogs



Saturday,
September 14
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+
Call to register

The dog days of summer are in the rearview, and our eyes are fixed forward down the trails. Sign up to be a volunteer trail dog today and head into the woods to maintain and improve our hiking trails.
Leader: Paul Fowler

Harvest Moon Night Hike

Thursday,
September 19
6:30-8 p.m.

Age level: 6 years & up
Registration opens
September 5

Watch the full moon rise over the fields and forests of Warner Parks on this pre-equinox evening wander. We'll explore the Park at night under the beauty of the Harvest Moon.
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

Fall Migration Bird Hike



Friday, September 20
8-10 a.m.

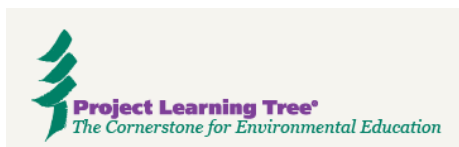
Age level: Adults
Call to register

Many birds are only seen in Nashville during migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more.
Leaders: Kathy Shaw and Rachel Anderson

Teacher Workshop: Project Learning Tree

Friday, September 20
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



Project Learning Tree® is an environmental education program for educators and students PreK-12. PLT uses the forest to increase students' understanding of environmental issues. Teachers will receive a PLT Activity Guide filled with award winning lessons that meet state standards.
Leaders: Kim Bailey and Vera Vollbrecht

Full Moon Pickin' Party



Friday, September 20
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call 615-370-8053 for
additional information

Join us for some toe-tappin' bluegrass under the light of a full moon at the Warner Park equestrian center. Fundraiser for Friends of Warner Parks
Coordinators: Patrice Nelson and Paul Fowler

Saturdays in the Fall: Celebrate the First Day of Autumn

Saturday,
September 21
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not
required

Orange, yellow, green, red, and purple! Join the Warner Park Nature Center in a celebration of all things autumn. Enjoy a walk through the park looking for signs of seasons, fun fall crafts, and more!
Leaders: Erin Pitts and Nature Center Staff

Sunday Afternoon Nearby Nature Canoe & Kayak



Sunday, September 22
1-5 p.m.

Age level: 10 years & up
Call 615-862-8400 or
neel.deshpande@
nashville.gov to register

Spend your Sunday afternoon learning to canoe or kayak on the beautiful Harpeth River. This trip is designed to introduce participants to canoeing or kayaking in a fun, safe, and scenic environment and is guided by Metro Park staff! \$25 per person participation fee.
Leader: Neel Deshpande

Fall Wildflower Walk

Wednesday,
September 25
9-11 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



We will stroll on a path through a beautiful meadow enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers.
Leader: Deb Beazley

Fall Bird Banding Day

Thursday,
September 26
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call to register

Join us for live bird banding demonstrations, exhibits and activities focusing on our resident chickadees, cardinals and more, and hopefully a few fall migrants. Leaders: Sandy Bivens, Kathy Shaw, Diana McLusky, Ethel Kawamura, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Fall Migration Bird Hike



Friday, September 27
8-10 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more.
Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Heather Gallagher

Autumn Nature Storytime

Friday, September 27
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Registration opens
September 12

Enjoy nature-themed books on the back porch during this morning storytime.
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers

Fall Wildflower Walk



Saturday,
September 28
9-11 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

We will stroll on a path through a beautiful meadow, enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers.
Leader: Deb Beazley



Low Ropes Course Open House

Saturday, September 28
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: Adults
Call 615-862-8400 or
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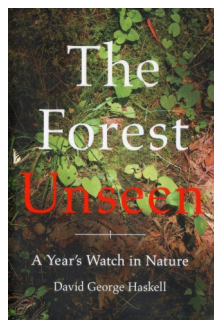


Did you know that Metro Parks has a low ropes course? This course is perfect for scouts, youth groups, students, teachers, and others who want to increase teamwork in their organizations. We will experience the low ropes elements and learn how team building can benefit your organization. Leader: Neel Deshpande

An Evening with David Haskell: The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature

Thursday, October 3
7 p.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



David Haskell will discuss his year-long observation of one tiny patch of forest located on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. He'll provide reflections both on his experience in the forest and on the general importance of the study of natural history. His book about the one square meter has won numerous awards, including being a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.
Guest Presenter: David Haskell

OCTOBER

Fall Migration Bird Hike



Friday, October 4
8-10 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more.
Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Diana McLusky

Going Nuts for Fall



Friday, October 4
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens
September 19

Come learn how the animals of the Warner Parks prepare for the coming winter. We'll enjoy games, crafts, a walk in the woods, and maybe even a visit to the garden to do some harvesting!
Leader: Shannon Moore

Fall Migration Bird Hike



Saturday, October 5
8-10 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

Many birds are only seen in Nashville during spring and fall migration. Join local birders and Nature Center staff as we hunt for warblers, vireos, tanagers and more.
Leaders: Susan Bradfield and Ethel Kawamura

Celebrate National Vegetarian Month



Saturday, October 5
10 a.m.-noon



Age level: 6 years and up
Registration opens
September 20

Let's show our love for vegetables; everyone eats 'em so why not celebrate?! Even if you're not a vegetarian, come help make some yummy food and learn how to prepare amazing meat-free dishes!
Leader: Erin Pitts

Family Movie Night: "The Princess and the Frog"

Friday, October 11
6:30-8 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call to register

Celebrate amphibians, this year's Junior Naturalist theme, with a movie night at the Nature Center. Bring a cozy blanket and we'll provide the popcorn!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Saturdays in the Fall: Discover Warner Parks!

Saturday, October 12
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not required

Just as Columbus "discovered" America, you can discover (or re-discover) Warner Parks! The Nature Center is the perfect place to learn more about this Park, and, in turn, about your own backyard.
Coordinator: Heather Gallagher

Fall Campfire Lunch



Tuesday, October 15
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens
October 1

Join the Nature Center staff at a picnic shelter in Percy Warner Park! We'll stroll through the woods to enjoy the foliage and cook a campfire lunch together
Leader: Shannon Moore

It Takes a Village

Wednesday, October 16
10 a.m.-noon

Age Level: 6-12 years
Registration opens
October 1

Bring some friends and help us build a village! You will have the opportunity to build a fort, then play and "trade" with other villagers. Come join the fun!
Leaders: Kim Bailey and Rachel Koch

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, October 17
10 a.m.-noon

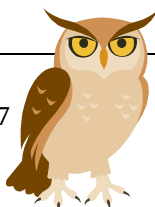
Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens
October 1

Tromp through the fall woods in search of clues. Join us for a fantastic, fun, fall scavenger hunt.
Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Shannon Moore

Owl Prowl



Thursday,
October 17
7-9 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration opens
October 1

Learn about the different owls of Tennessee, and join us for an adventurous hike to Owl Hollow, to listen for our feathery friends at night.
Leader: Erin Pitts

I've Got an Itch for Poison Ivy

Friday, October 18
9-9:30 a.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens
October 1

Can you count to three? Then you can identify poison ivy! Cadette Girl Scouts will share tips for young ones to distinguish helpful and harmful plants.
Leaders: Girl Scout Troop 403 and Heather Gallagher

Edible and Drinkable



Friday, October 18
11 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-8 years
Registration opens
October 1

Don't drink water in the creek- but why? Don't eat plants in the Parks- but why? Learn why and more at this survival program.
Leaders: Girl Scout Troop 403 and Heather Gallagher

Show Me the Way

Friday, October 18
1-2 p.m.

Age level: 8-12 years
Registration opens
October 3

Learn how to use a compass, then complete a scavenger hunt using your new-found skills!
Leaders: Girl Scout Troop 403 and Heather Gallagher

Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday,
October 18
7-11 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Call 615-370-8053 for
additional information

Join us for some toe-tappin' bluegrass under the light of a full moon at the Warner Park equestrian center. Fundraiser for Friends of Warner Parks
Coordinators: Patrice Nelson and Paul Fowler

Rock & Road Relay, Marathon & 5k



Saturday, October 19
8 a.m.-2 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Visit
rockandroadmarathon.
racesonline.com to
register

Race through the roadways and trails of Percy Warner Park! Whether you tackle the 5k, split up the relay marathon with teammates, or conquer the full marathon solo, this event is an exhilarating way to enjoy the Parks in fall. Start 2 Finish Event Management and Friends of Warner Parks are teaming up to bring you a first-class race experience with proceeds going back into the Warner Parks.
Coordinators: Katherine Williams and Patrice Nelson

Canoe The Caney Fork



Saturday, October 19
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: 10 years & up
Call 615-862-8400 or
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nashville.gov to register

Located about an hour from Nashville, the Caney Fork River is a fantastic river for recreation and fishing. This trip is designed to introduce participants to the sport of paddling. The trip cost is \$25 and includes all necessary gear, guide, and shuttle service back to your vehicle.
Leader: Neel Deshpande

All About Trees



Wednesday, October 23
9-11 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

Enjoy a walk among our trees in their autumn glory, learn how to tell them apart and hear their wonderful stories.
Leader: Deb Beazley



Autumn Nature Storytime

Friday, October 25
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Registration opens
October 10

Enjoy nature-themed books under the giant beech tree during this morning storytime!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers

WPNC's 40th Birthday Celebration!!!

Saturday, October 26
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration not
required



Morning-glory, we're turning forty!! That's right, Warner Park Nature Center, established in 1973, is celebrating our 40th Birthday this month. Join us for a fun-filled day of nature exploration & education, sustainability demonstrations, games, food, music, and more! Friends from the past and present will be on-hand to reflect on WPNC's 40-year legacy of environmental education, responsible recreation, and natural resource protection. Don't miss this very special event!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Saturdays in the Fall: "In November..."

Saturday, November 2
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Age Level: All ages
Registration not
required



"In November, at winter's gate, the stars are brittle. The sun is a sometime friend. And the world has tucked her children in, with a kiss on their heads, till spring." Experience Cynthia Rylant's beautiful children's book, *In November*, through activities and hikes. We will also be reading the book at various times throughout the day!
Leaders: Nature Center Staff

NOVEMBER

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| Webelos Scouts: Forester Badge | Saturday, November 2 1:30-3 p.m. | Age level: Registered Webelos and Junior Girl Scouts Registration opens October 18 | Webelos and Juniors: check off some of your Forestry badge requirements during this fun-filled workshop. This program is open to individual scouts or troops. Space is limited, and registration is required. Leader: Heather Gallagher and Vera Vollbrecht |
| Edible Geology | Thursday, November 7 3:30-5 p.m. | Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens October 23 | Come learn some fun facts about geology while eating some yummy treats! Leader: Kim Bailey |
| Mushrooms! | Friday, November 8 9-11 a.m. | Age level: Adults Call to register | Always amazing and somewhat unbelievable, a mushroom hunt turns up the weirdest things. Leader: Deb Beazley |
| The Hills are Alive! | Saturday, November 9 9 a.m.-noon | Age level: Adults, 13+ Registration opens October 25 | The sound of rustling leaves and gobbling turkeys fill the Hill Forest with life. Be ready for a rugged, 3-mile trek through this wondrous undisturbed ecosystem. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht |
| War of the Wild | Saturday, November 9 12:30-3:30 p.m. | Age level: Adults, 13+ Call to register | Let's fight for what's right! March up to the frontlines as we battle to defend our Parks from the invasion of exotic pest plants that threaten native species and degrade natural habitat. We'll be doing some good ol' fashioned bushwhacking off trail. Have fun while getting dirty and working hard; this is a battle we can win if we all pitch in! Leader: Paul Fowler |
| Fall Star Party | Saturday, November 9 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Age level: All ages Call to register | Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for the Leonid meteor shower! Local astronomers will be on hand with knowledge and scopes to assist you in learning the night sky. Coordinators: Kris McCall of Sudekum Planetarium, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, and Warner Park staff |
| Talking Turkeys | Friday, November 15 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. | Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens October 31 | We know tom turkeys gobble and hen turkeys cluck. Flock to the Nature Center to learn more about fall's favorite bird. Leader: Melissa Donahue |
| Saturdays in the Fall: Winter Bird Kickoff | Saturday, November 16 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | Age level: All ages Registration not required | Come learn more about the resident winter birds that call the Warner Parks home. Take a walk to our bird blind, contribute to our Feeder Watch program, make your own feeder to take home, and more! Leader: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers |
| Autumn Nature Storytime | Friday, November 22 10:30-11 a.m. | Age level: Pre-K Registration opens November 7 | Enjoy nature-themed books under the giant beech tree during this morning storytime! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers |
| Cemeteries of Warner Parks | Saturday, November 23 8:30 a.m.-noon | Age Level: Adults Registration opens November 8 | Visit the cemeteries of Warner Park on foot and by driving tour to learn about families that first called Warner Park home. Leader: Heather Gallagher |



DECEMBER

Over the Hill

Monday,
November 25
1-4 p.m.



Age level: Adults
Call to register

Join us for a hike up and over the hills of the Burch Reserve as we hike a path less traveled and explore the ancient forest on the other side. This is a moderately strenuous hike over rugged terrain. Space is limited.
Leader: Paul Fowler

Sparkling Snowflakes

Friday, December 6
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens
November 21

Each snowflake is as beautiful and unique as you are! Come discover how and why!
Leader: Rachel Koch



Souper Supper

Friday, December 6
5-7 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration opens
November 21

The smell of soup will be in the air as we hike through Warner Park at sunset. Bring a vegetable to add to our broth and let the soup simmer as we enjoy a brisk hike. We'll gather around the warmth of the campfire for a soup supper with new friends.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Melissa Donahue, and Shannon Moore

A Little House Christmas

Saturday, December 7
10-11:30 a.m.



Age level: All Ages
Registration opens
November 22

Experience Christmas celebrated by Laura, Mary, and baby Carrie in the 1870s in the Little House on the Prairie books. We'll meet at the Hodge House for a fire, refreshments, crafts, stories and songs.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Donna Reagan of the Nashville Public Library, and Volunteers

All About Gardening

Friday, December 13
9-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

It's time to get ready for next year. Learn when and how to grow a beautiful organic garden.
Leader: Deb Beazley

Winter Feathered Friends



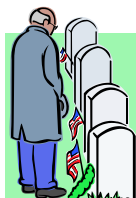
Friday, December 13
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: 6-12 years
Registration opens
November 11

Come learn more about the winter birds that you can see right in your own backyard. We'll have fun with games, a hike to the bird blind, and you'll get to take home your own bird feeder!
Leader: Shannon Moore

Preserving our Past

Saturday, December 14
10 a.m.-
1 p.m.



Age level: Adults, 13+
Call to register

Get in touch with the past and help preserve it for the future. Historic cemeteries are irreplaceable landscapes and we are their keepers. Volunteers are needed to help maintain and beautify a unique and culturally significant link to the history of the people who helped shape this land.
Leader: Paul Fowler

Hill Hike



Saturday, December 14
1-3 p.m.

Age level: 8 years & up
Registration opens
November 27

Lace up your hiking boots, throw on a fleece and join us for a rugged hike through the Hill Forest. Experience this captivating forest in the early winter quiet.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

Solstice Celebration

Saturday, December 21
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens
December 6

Join us as we celebrate the Winter Solstice by watching the sunset on the shortest day of the year, warming up around a campfire, and walking through the woods along a luminary-lit pathway.
Leaders: Shannon Moore and Melissa Donahue